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Commissioners

COSM Budget Session

Tuesday, March 20, 2018, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Edgar M. Bosley Jr. Municipal Admin. Building

I. Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance

President Boos called to order the special budget session of the Commissioners of St. Michaels at 10:00 a.m. in the meeting room of the Edgar M. Bosley, Jr. Municipal Building, 300 Mill Street, St. Michaels, Maryland. Also present were Commissioners Roy Myers, Jaime Windon, Michael Bibb, and Joyce Harrod, Town Manager Jean Weisman, Finance Clerk Kathy Eglseder, Legislative Clerk Suzanna Warnick.

II. Comments from the Public

There were no public comments.

III. Public Working Session on the Budget

- Fiscal Year 2019 Budget

Areas of concentration for this work session are the following:

Budget Overview

General Admin & Planning and Zoning

Tourism

Outside agency requests

Police

Town Manager Jean Weisman provided an overview of the 2018-2019 budget, with comparisons to the previous year. Mrs. Weisman said the Town's assessable base increased this past year by about 60,000, and the constant yield tax rate is 50.35 cents. Mrs. Weisman said the income tax should remain constant, the accommodation tax is up this year and admissions and amusements are steady. The Commissioners then discussed individual budget items and put forth their ideas on how to cut costs and generate new sources of revenue.

The Commissioners then heard presentations and budget requests from Kim Weller, Communications Manager for tourism for St. Michaels, Marylou McAllister, representing the St. Michaels After School program (SMASH), and the Talbot County Arts Council.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:20 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m., at which time the Commissioners heard the budget reports and presentations of the St. Michaels Police Department, and the St. Michaels Parks and Recreation Committee.

IV. Comments from the Commissioners

The Commissioners discussed agenda items for their work and legislative session on March 21st as well as outstanding budget items for discussion in the budget session.

V. Announcement of Future Meetings

March 21 2018 - 10-4pm Budget

March 21 2018 - 6:00pm COSM Work and Legis Session

March 27 2018 - 10-4pm Budget (if needed)

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm.

Public Participation: All comments from the public will be taken during the period set aside for "Comments from the Public". To be recognized, a member of the public should raise his or her hand and wait to be recognized by the President. Comments and questions should be kept brief and to the point, and be directed to the President.